

#### **AZ COMPENSATION NETWORK**

August 2018

### Agenda

- Opening/Icebreaker
- FLSA Overview & Misconceptions
- Internal Equity: Case Studies
- Strategic Role of HR
- Roundtable: A Variety of Topics
- September Meeting requests

# "Market the Agency"

#### Ice Breaker!

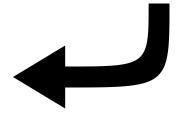


Governor Ducey is interested in advertising and promoting a couple of our lesser-known Agencies, Boards, and Commissions. He wants the people in this room (given their extensive expertise on this matter) to create a mascot that will give each agency a fresh image! Each table will:

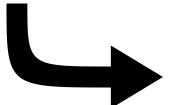
- 1. Draw a mascot concept,
- 2. Pitch the idea to the room.

The best mascot for each agency will be selected and sent to the governor (or if they're all bad, we might skip that last step).

#### Ice Breaker! continued



This side of the room - Your agency is the **Funeral Directors and Embalmers Board!** 



This side of the room - Your agency is the Navigable Streams Adjudication Commission!

# FLSA

#### Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) - A Little History

- Originally drafted in 1932
- Revised version of proposal was enacted in 1938 and titled the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- As Enacted, the FLSA established:
  - Federal Minimum Wage
  - Overtime eligibility
  - 40-Hour Workweek
  - Child Labor Provisions

#### What does the FLSA do?

- Requires employers to pay ALL employees at least the Federal Minimum Wage
- Mandates that OT eligible employees receive 1.5 times their regular rate of pay for OT hours worked
- Mandates that children under eighteen cannot do certain dangerous jobs
- Mandates that children under sixteen cannot work during school hours

#### What IS NOT required by the FLSA?

- Vacation, holiday, severance, or sick pay
- Meal or rest periods, holidays off, or vacations
- Premium pay for weekend or holiday work
- Pay raises or fringe benefits
- A discharge notice, reason for discharge, or immediate payment of final wages to terminated employees
- A limit to the number of hours in a day (or days in a week) an employee may be required or scheduled to work, if the employee is at least 16



#### Who is covered by the FLSA?

- Covers "any individual employed by an employer"
- Exceptions:
  - Independent Contractors
  - Volunteers





Who is exempted from <u>ALL</u> coverage under the FLSA?

- Employees of certain seasonal amusement or recreational establishments
- Employees of certain small newspapers and switchboard operators of small telephone companies
- Seaman employed on foreign vessels
- Employees engaged in fishing operations
- Employees who deliver newspapers, who are employed on small farms, casual babysitters/companions, highly compensated employees







Who is exempt from overtime coverage under the FLSA?

- Most common exemptions are:
  - Administrative
  - Computer Employee
  - Executive
  - Outside salesperson

#### Administrative Exemption requires:

- Employee cannot earn less than \$455/week
- Must be compensated on a salary or fee basis
- Must have the primary duty of performing office or non-manual work directly related to the management or the general business operations of the employer or employer's customers
- Must exercise discretion and independent judgment with respect to matters of significance



- Learned Professional
- Highly Compensated Employees
- Computer Employee
- Creative Professional
- Teachers
- Lawyers or Doctors







Employees who are paid a salary are exempt?

# Fair Labor Standards Act Common Misconceptions

Supervisors, Managers, and Administrators are exempt?

Meal periods are counted as "hours worked"?



• Our agency does not authorize overtime! Extra work is considered "unauthorized".



Losing FLSA exempt status is considered a demotion

Because of the many implications and attitudes surrounding FLSA status, an employee who changes from Exempt to Non-Exempt may see it as a demotion.

Part-time employees are not covered by the FLSA

Double time is required for holiday work



### Fair Labor Standards Act - Final Thoughts

- Although the provisions of the FLSA are complex, they are manageable!
- Communication matters
- DOL salary test has yet to be settled
- Do the right thing



#### Fair Labor Standards Act



# **Internal Equity**

#### The basics

- When looking at market for a job, that's external competitiveness/equity. When looking only at the pay of current staff, that is called internal equity.
- A balance needs to be found, but in many cases internal equity will overshadow the market rate for a job.
  - Especially true in public sector with limited salary movement
- We want to avoid being overly conservative and bring everyone in at the minimum/hiring rate OR ignoring peers and making salary decisions that could put the State at risk for DOL violations

#### **Relevant Laws**

Equal Pay Act of 1963 - Protects from wage discrimination on the basis of sex

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Protects from wage discrimination on the basis of race

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 - Protects from wage discrimination for those individuals aged 40 or older

Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act - Protects from wage discrimination for those individuals with disabilities

# Why reviewing for internal equity is hard

First, think about the variety of jobs we have in State service...

Is external experience as valuable as internal experience?

Can education be substituted for experience (or vice versa?)

Is funding availability a limiting factor?

What is the pool of employees being compared? Unit, department, agency, statewide?

The answers to the above questions could vary from job to job

## Hands-on

Two case studies to get you thinking about these issues

# **Current Staff List - Program Services Dept.**

| Name      | Title      | Pay Rate | Hire Date into Job | External<br>Exp | Highest Degree | Sex | Race | Age | Avg MAP<br>Rating |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|
| LORETTA   | PROG REP 1 | \$44,287 | 10/24/1998         | 2               | Bachelor's     | F   | WHIT | 52  | 2.8               |
| CHRISTINA | PROG REP 1 | \$33,525 | 9/27/2016          | 0               | None           | F   | BLCK | 40  | 2.0               |
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# Case Study #1

You are asked to recommend a salary for the preferred candidate for a "PROG REP 1" job opening. While the candidate is new to state service, he has 2 years of similar experience working for an agency in another state and has an Associate's Degree. The recruiter wouldn't have any demographic data, but he estimates that the candidate is in his early 30's and is caucasian.

Please provide a recommended salary range for the hiring manager that would not cause internal equity issues.

# Things you should have noticed

- The candidate's total experience (2 years external) would move him above Shelly, Wendy, Monica, and Alexandra
- The candidate's education may put him above Christina and/or in line with Maria
- Age, race, and sex weren't really factors here

# **Case Study #1 Recommendation**

#### Anything between \$27,990 - \$34,112

- \$27,990: Ultra conservative. Seems to be entrance rate for job with no exp
- \$28k \$33k: Would give credit for candidate's greater experience and/or education than peers
- \$34,112: Upper limit. Gives credit for all education and experience

# Case Study #2

Same exact candidate as in Case Study #1. However this time, the hiring manager tells you that education is irrelevant to this line of work--everything is learned on the job. He also tells you that because this line of work differs so widely from state to state, the candidate's past experience wasn't relevant.

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# **Case Study #2 Recommendation**

\$27,990

Discounting the candidates education and past experience, there is no identifiable reason to bring him in at a salary higher than 2 similarly situated employees in protected classes: Alexandra (race and sex) or Monica (sex).

# Some key takeaways

- You don't need to review internal equity before every salary action. But think about these concepts as you make recommendations, come across salary data, receive in-grade adjustment requests...etc. <u>Look for pay</u> <u>actions that break the norm.</u>
- Make pay decisions blind to age, sex, race, and disability, BUT justifications have to be solid to prevent causing an inequity.
- ADOA can help in reviews and make salary adjustments if needed if inequities already exist and are of concern--Administrative Adjustments

### **Questions?**

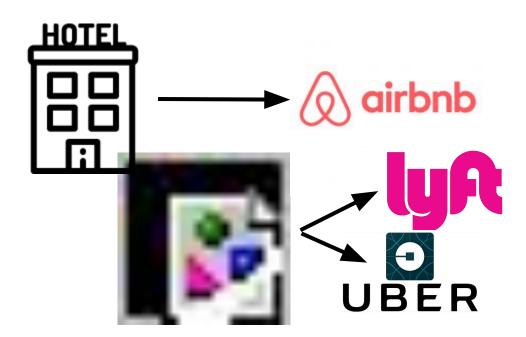
# Strategic Role of HR

What is your role in your agency? What value do you provide?

Operational Processing

Strategic Value

#### Industry Disruption...















## Roundtable

- "DNU" List
- "Alpha List"
- HRIS Upgrade
  - FLSA Clean Up
  - Salary Schedules
  - Agency-Specific Titles
  - Auto-assigned Job Codes



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#### **Upcoming Events**

**Sept 13 - 7:30am to 9:30am** 

Arizona Total Rewards Association: Compensation Trends

www.aztotalrewards.com

Free for members; \$35 for guests

**Sept 18 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm** 

AZ Compensation Network ADOA Conference Room 300